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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

### *Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures*

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May 29, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

#### **APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (ALL DISTRICTS – 3 VOTES)**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve the attached appropriation adjustment (Attachment I), which will increase the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures' (ACWM) Fixed Assets by \$350,000 and Other Charges by \$500,000 and decrease Salaries and Employee Benefits by \$850,000.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of the recommended action will enable ACWM to fund one-time vehicle expenditures and unanticipated legal expenses. The Department has many vehicles in the Pest Exclusion and Produce Quality Bureau that are antiquated with excess mileage and are due for replacement. The Weights and Measures Bureau is in need of additional heavy capacity trucks to help increase the number of inspections completed on a regular basis.

ACWM has generated a significant salary and employee benefit savings primarily as a result of vacancies, retirements, and lower than anticipated costs in workers compensation and other benefits. During the current fiscal year, ACWM has experienced the retirement of a high level manager and has not yet filled this position. ACWM is actively recruiting at local job fairs, on internet job websites and has purchased "Now Hiring" placards for all departmental vehicles, but continues to experience some difficulty in hiring new Inspectors.

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS**

Implementation of the recommended appropriation adjustment is consistent with the County Strategic Plan goal of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). ACWM is utilizing Departmental savings to purchase additional vehicles which will help to increase productivity throughout the Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Board's action would result in an increase to ACWM's Fixed Assets and Other Charges and a corresponding decrease to Salaries and Employee Benefits. There is no effect to net County cost.

**IMPACT TO CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended action would allow the funding of one-time purchases which will improve strategic Departmental operations and will cover unanticipated liability expenses due to a vehicle accident.

**CONCLUSION**

Approval of the recommended action would allow ACWM to take advantage of unanticipated salary savings by applying it to one-time expenditures in the current fiscal year. It would also benefit ACWM's operation by replacing antiquated vehicles and increasing the number of vehicles available for additional inspectors.

When approved, please return to this Department two (2) copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

DEPT'S. No. 010-04

DEPARTMENT OF Agricultural Comm/Wts & Measures

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**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.**

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

**ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR***3-vote***Sources:**

Salaries & Employee Benefits  
A01 - AW - 18730 - 1000  
\$850,000

**Fixed Assets**

A01 - AW - 18730 - 6030  
\$350,000  
Other Charges  
A01 - AW - 18730 - 5500  
\$500,000

Adjustment required to purchase heavy capacity trucks for the Weights & Measures Bureau and to fund liability settlement, financed by salary savings.

*Alycia Araya* ✓  
Alycia Araya, Chief, Admin. Svcs.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

**ADOPTED**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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MAY 29 2007

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓

AS REVISED

RECOMMENDATION

*May 15 2007*

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER BY

*Con...*APPROVED (AS REVISED):  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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*May 15 2007*

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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